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**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the first paragraph, beginning on page 1, line 2, of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of Application no. 09/499,121, filed February 7, 2000, now U. S. Patent No. [[\_\_\_\_\_] ]6,368,525.